

# Useful Information

## Directions

All the walks were tested in 2013. Please note, however, that some footpaths may be diverted and buildings such as pubs may have changed their name since the walks were written. If you have any comments please send them to the Harbour Office to be considered for the next edition.

## Distances and Timings

All distances and timings are approximate.

## Maps

The maps provided are a guide and are not to scale. Please use OS Explorer Map 120 (Chichester).

## Map References

The reference given is for the start point of the walk.

## Public Transport

**Buses:** Stagecoach run most of the local buses. Timetable details are at [www.stagecoachbus.com/south](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/south) or telephone **0871 200 22 33** (10p per minute).

For the Selsey – Itchenor service see [www.compass-travel.co.uk](http://www.compass-travel.co.uk)

**Trains:** Timetable information is at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or telephone **08457 48 49 50**.

## Stiles and Gates

Please note stiles are gradually being replaced with gates where appropriate. This may affect some of the walk directions and photos.

## Tides

Please note some paths are flooded at high tide. If you have misjudged the times, you usually only have to wait a short while before the path is clear enough to use. Tide times can be found at [www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk) or from the Harbour Office; please note these are only a prediction and factors such as low pressure can make the tide higher than expected.

## Tourist Information

**Chichester:** [www.visitchichester.org](http://www.visitchichester.org) or telephone **01243 775888**.

**Hayling Island:** [www.visithavant.co.uk](http://www.visithavant.co.uk) or telephone **023 9246 7111**.

## Weather

Please check the weather before starting your walk and take the appropriate clothing. Weather forecasts can be found at [www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk) or from the local tourist offices.

## Acknowledgements

All walks were written and photographed by Ali Beckett for Chichester Harbour Conservancy. Design work on the book was undertaken by Neil Pafford at Pafford Design. Funding was generously provided by the Friends of Chichester Harbour.

1

8km/5 miles

2.5 hours

Map Ref. SU 749 055 - Ordnance Survey Explorer 120

## Walk 1

# Emsworth to Langstone

This is an 8km walk between Emsworth and Langstone. It uses shoreline paths and an inland route passing Warblington church and an attractive area of woodland. There are plenty of benches on this route, so take time to stop and admire the view and maybe have a chat with the friendly locals who regularly use this path.

## Start Point

The Quay, Emsworth PO10 7EQ or The Ship Langstone PO9 1RD  
(The walk directions take you from Emsworth to Langstone but it is fully described in both directions so you can start the walk just as easily from Langstone).

## By Road

**Emsworth** - There is a pay and display car park in South Street, Emsworth. From there turn right and you will shortly reach the Quay.

**Langstone** - There is a free car park at The Ship which is on the left just before the bridge onto Hayling Island.

## By Bus

**Emsworth** - From the east, the Coastliner Service 700 stops at Emsworth Square. From there walk down South Street to the Quay. From the west, the bus stops on the A259. Cross the road using the underpass and walk down North Street to the Square and then down to the Quay.

**Langstone** - Service 30/31 from Havant to Hayling Island stops at The Ship.

## Refreshments

The Ship and The Royal Oak, Langstone and numerous restaurants, pubs and cafés at Emsworth.

## Toilets

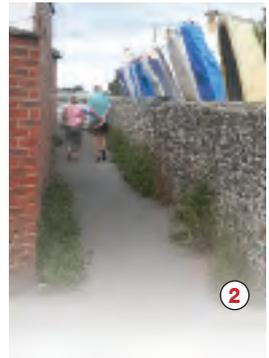
In the car park, South Street Emsworth and also in the car park at Langstone.

## Tides

Tide times must be consulted as part of the shoreline floods between points 3 and 5 when the tide is higher than 4.2m. Avoid walking at least one hour either side of the high tide.

## Walk Directions

From the Quay take the path onto the seawall (1) continuing right round until you pass Emsworth Sailing Club.





3

Take the small path alongside the flint wall (2), follow it onto the concrete shoreline path. From here you have panoramic views down the Emsworth Channel and towards Northney and Portsmouth.

The path narrows as you near an area of woodland, Nore Barn Woods, and drops down onto the shingle. Ahead the path forks, take the shoreline path, keeping the woodland on your right (3).

At the end of the woodland, you will rejoin the shoreline. Shortly you will be able to see Langstone in the distance. Look out for the Spinnaker Tower, Portsmouth.

You will come to an area with upright railway sleepers used as sea defences. At the end of this section, go up the concrete ramp (4) and then follow the path along the seawall to the Mill Pond.

Keep going along this path, you will pass The Royal Oak and cross the High Street (5) then along the raised path by the flint wall before shortly reaching The Ship. When you are ready to return, retrace your steps to the second set of wooden steps.

*If you are starting at Langstone, cross the car park and take the path at the far end with a brick wall on your left. Continue along this route, crossing the High Street and passing The Royal Oak. The path continues behind the old mill, now a private house, and past the Mill Pond. After a short way it drops down a concrete ramp to the shoreline then shortly up another concrete ramp to the footpath.*

Go through the metal kissing gate to take the path diagonally across a field to the cemetery.



Follow the footpath signs through the cemetery to the exit. From here take the path along the side of the churchyard wall (6).

Keep going straight on through a number of gates and along fields until you come to the corner of a woodland, Nore Barn Woods.

Take the path straight ahead keeping the woodland on your right.

At the end of the woodland, continue straight ahead taking the path along the seawall. You will come onto Western Parade with some housing on your left and then pass a dinghy park before reaching Emsworth Sailing Club.

Follow the footpath onto the Mill Pond wall and continue right round until you reach the Quay.

You are now at the bottom of South Street and can return to your car or the bus stop or if you are returning to Langstone follow the directions from the start.



## Extra Items of Interest

### Warblington Church

The church is 13th century with Saxon origins. In the churchyard are two unusual 'gravewatchers' huts'. Ahead you can see the remains of Warblington Castle (it is privately owned and not open to the public). The castle was built in the 16th century for Margaret, Countess of Salisbury; later when the manor passed to the Cotton family, Queen Elizabeth was entertained there. In the Civil War it was taken and destroyed by the Parliamentarians, leaving only one tower remaining.

### Emsworth Sailing Clubs

There are two sailing clubs and a cruising association in the town. The Slipper Sailing Club is on the Quay at Emsworth. This club was formally founded in 1921 as the Emsworth Mud Slippers Sailing Club. In 1963 they purchased The Anchor in South Street which has since been transformed into a fine clubhouse.

Emsworth Sailing Club is at the other end of the Mill Pond wall in Bath Road. The club was inaugurated in 1919 in the former bathing house. The club prides itself on a huge and distinguished membership which has included Lord Louis Mountbatten who was Commodore in 1931. In addition Sir Peter Blake was a member before he was tragically murdered by pirates in the Amazon in 2001. Sir Peter's grave is in Warblington cemetery.

### The Wadeway

On the shoreline at the end of the High Street, Langstone are the remains of a hardened causeway which originally crossed the channel linking the mainland to Hayling Island at low tide. Written references to the Wadeway date back to 1552 and refer to a toll for crossing the causeway. However, carbon dating dates it to early Medieval times. The decline of the Wadeway began in 1817 when permission was granted for the construction of a bridge. In 1821 the causeway was severed by 'New Cut' which was part of the construction of the Portsmouth to Arundel canal making the Wadeway unusable.